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(d) whether either the Railway authorities or the district Revenue authorities spent anything for the relief of the said third-class passengers; and if so, how much; and

(e) what arrangements, if any, were made to take the said third-class passengers on to the regular line of communications?

A.—(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) There were 81 passengers. They were held up for four days.

(*c*) & (*d*) On the 22nd October 1928 reports were received by the Agent, Madras and Southern Mahratta Railway, that there was difficulty in obtaining food at Tuni. There was no possibility of getting food to Tuni from the south and a telegraphic request was made by the Agent to the Bengal-Nagpur Railway authorities at Waltair and to the Collector of Vizagapatam to endeavour to assist passengers at Tuni in this respect from the north. On the 23rd October, the Agent, finding that the difficulty was not in obtaining food but in obtaining money to purchase food, authorized the Station-master at Tuni to spend up to Rs. 50 and to apply for further funds, if necessary. Those who could afford to do so made their own arrangements to procure food. Some were fed by local philanthropic persons. The Revenue authorities spent nothing.

(*e*) Some left by foot and some others by buses and carts. Those that remained were conveyed by the Railway authorities by trolley to Anakapalle on the 26th and 27th October. Buses and carts were arranged by the Revenue authorities to meet requirements.

Civil Justice

Qualifications and powers of the Manager of the Public Prosecutor's office.

* 1287 *Q.*—Mr. Abdul Hamid Khan: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the manager of the Public Prosecutor's office is empowered to appoint or appoints substitutes for the Public Prosecutor in criminal cases;

(*b*) whether it is a fact that substitutes are appointed often even without the previous consent and knowledge of the Public Prosecutor; and

(*c*) what are the qualifications and experience of the manager of the office of the Public Prosecutor, Madras, and what are his duties?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) No

(*c*) The Manager is a matriculate, has passed Criminal, Judicial and Revenue tests, Book-keeping, Theory and Practice of Commerce, Banking, Shorthand and Typewriting. His duties are purely clerical and office management

Mr. Abdul Hamid Khan:—"Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state on what basis he has given the answer to clauses (*a*) & (*b*) of this question?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. Krishnan Nayar:—"The answer is based on the report of the Public Prosecutor."

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Mr. Abdul Hamid Khan :—" Will the hon. the Law Member kindly see that hereafter the manager does not take the authority into his own hands?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. Krishnan Nayar :—" Even now he does not take the authority into his own hands."

Alleged inadequacy of accommodation in the courts at Mangalore.

*1288 Q.—Mr. J. A. Saldanha : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) when the present District Court, Sub-Court and District Munsif's Court buildings in Mangalore were built;

(b) whether the present court buildings have got sufficient room for the accommodation of the several departments such as the copyist, nazir and clerical establishments;

(c) whether it is a fact the additional sub-judge recently appointed occupies a small room formerly occupied by the official receiver;

(d) whether it is a fact the official receiver at present occupies a room in the Munsif's court where the witnesses used to sit down and whether the munsif and the witnesses are inconvenienced thereby;

(e) whether the waiting rooms of the lawyers are sufficient to accommodate the large number that attend the courts;

(f) whether there is a separate waiting room for witnesses in the various courts; and

(g) whether the latrines provided for the various establishments, witnesses and pleaders in the court are in a dilapidated condition, of primitive fashion and inadequate?

A.—(a) The date of construction of the District Court is not known. The dates of construction of the Sub-Court and the District Munsif's Court were 1825 and 1882 respectively.

(b) The Government have no reason to think that they have not sufficient accommodation for the establishments referred to.

(c) & (d) The Government have no information.

(e) & (g) The Government have received a representation from the Bar Association, Mangalore, complaining of the inadequacy of the existing accommodation for the Bar and of the inconvenience of the latrine.

(f) The Government have no information.

Mr. J. A. Saldanha :—" Has the hon. the Law Member been pleased to call for a report?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. Krishnan Nayar :—" I called for reports from the Engineering Department and from the High Court."

Mr. J. A. Saldanha :—" What is the reply received?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. Krishnan Nayar :—" About what?"

Mr. J. A. Saldanha :—" About the adequacy of accommodation for the several officers, lawyers and witnesses?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. Krishnan Nayar :—" The High Court has stated that there is no urgency about it."

Mr. J. A. Saldanha :—" If I assert that there is urgency